Cropping System (ICDP-Rice),

- Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping Systems (SUBACS),
- Oilseeds Production Programme,
- National Pulses Development Project,
- Integrated programme for the Development of Spices, Besides, Coconut Development Board, set up under the Coconut Development Board Act, 1979 has been making concerted efforts to increase production and productivity of coconut in the States.

**Area under Foodgrains**

784. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area under foodgrains is stagnant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps taken by Government to improve the situation to avert implications on long term food security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The area under foodgrains has witnessed a modest decline at the rate of -0.18% per annum during the period 1989-90 to 1998-99. However, for ensuring the long term food security, the Government is implementing various crop specific development schemes and programmes for sustaining the increase in production and productivity. The Government also announces Minimum Support Prices to ensure remunerative prices to farmers, and creation of buffer stock for ensuring the food security.